

The operating room of New York's St. Vincent Hospital is a haven for many tracic victims. Here Sister Ann Veronica, Maryknoll nun-doctor and former interne at Rochester's St. Mary's Hospital, uses her medical skill to help one of New York's unfortunates. (NC-Look Magazine Photo),

'Lower West Side'

Nun-Doctor Who **Rides** Ambulance **Trained In Rochester**

By SISTER MARIA DEL REY (N.C.W.C. News)

New York - When, around 2 a.m., or so, Sister Ann Veronica steps aboard an ambulance to go screaming through grams New York's streets to where police stand guard over some unfortunate who needs a doctor-she steps one pace closer to her goal, tending the sick in the world's mission fields.

Sister Ann Veronica, Maryknoll nun-doctor featured in this story and the Feb. 18 issue of Look magazine, is a familiar figure to many in Rochester where she finished her medical internship last June at St. Mary's Hospital.

She is a Marylcnoll Sister, erving as resident surgeon at St. Vincent's Hospital in New York's lower west side and olien on

33 Parishes **Sign Families** For 'Courier'

Early reports in the Catholic Courier Journal's current circulation campaign indicate a three precent increase in subscriptions over last year's record total of 55.600

Thirty-two parishes have al ready reported they will continue the "total coverage" plan of sending the Courier Journal to every family in their parishes.

Many of the parishes reporting this week report increased numbers in subscription totals as a result of new families beng enrolled as parishioners during the past year.

Parishes renewing the "total overage" plan and reporting inreased totals -- this -year are eaded this week by St. Gregory's, Iarion, R.V. James C. Lane,pastor, reports a total of 110 subscriptions/ an increase of 42 over last year's total.

Also, St. Patrick's, Elmira, Monignor-William J. Brien, pastor, 060 (increase 25); St. Patrick's. Macedon, Rev. Bernard C. Hanna, pastor, 172 (increase, 17), and St. Rose, Lima, Rt. Rev. Msgr. John Ball, 211 (increase, 11).

Pope Asks Children Also renewing "total coverage" for 1958 are: Immaculate Con-Rochester, Monsignor ception. Vatican City-(RNS)-Pope John S. Randall, pastor, 912; St. Pius XII, in an Ash Wednes-Jerome's, East Rochester, Rev. day message to the Catholic Roy B. Morphy, pastor, 496; St. school children of the United Mary's, Dansville, Rev. Edward States, exhorted them to "make M. Scheid, pastor, 400; St. Joseph's little sacrifices and big ones, Weedsport, Rev. Leo A. Jones, too" for those in other counpastor, 149. tries who suffer hardship and

St. Gabriel's, Hammondsport, 83, and St. Patrick's, Prattsburg, 49, Rev. Earl Tobin, pastor; Catholie Chapel, Dryden, Rev. Thomas K. Cleary, administrator, 129; Church of the Epiphany, Sodus, 66. and St. Rose of Lima, Sodus Point, 24, Rev. William Lammers, astor; and St. Francis Solanus, Interlaken, Very Rev. Gereon Lindsay, OFM. Cap., administra tor, **48**.

and 16. However the children's These reports show a total of phase of the fund campaign 11,962 subscriptions. Elmer Grawill be conducted throughout penstetter, circulation manager, the 40 days of Lent. Last year states that the parishes that have the children raised \$1,000,000. reported thus far had a total of 1.634 in 1957.

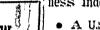


Children Target Of Mail Order Smut Business MUSSELU/SHAW

Washington, D.C.-(NC)-Like a giant Octopus stretching out its deadly arms, a multi-million dollar traffic in mail order pornography is now feeding its bloated body on the innocence of American youth.

This is revealed in the 50,0000 letters of protest and complaint received annually by the U.S. Pust Office Department. The direct mail order trade in pornography, the letters show, is centering more and more on the nation's children.

Mail order pornography^g is relatively new, Postal officials say it has become big business only in the past 10 or 12 years. While its true proportions are guesswork for the most part, available facts indicate that it is very big busi-



Chaplain Knew⁶ Farrell OK For 'Trip To Moon'

San Antonio, Tex.--- "I knew e would make it; he was spiritually well prepared," was the comment of the Catholic chaplain here as Airman Donald G. Farrell successfully completed his make believe trip to the moon.

Father (Maj.) Raymond F. Coleman said Airman Farrell received the sacraments before taking off on his trip and also the blessing of the Church.

"I was greatly impressed with Farrell," Father Coleman said. "I knew he would make it through the ordeal because

School in the Bronx.

Mother Talks

To 'Space Man'

the utmost confidence he

On Febuary 16 at 9:35 a.m.,

Airman Donald G. Farrell, 23,

stepped out of his "space ship"

after a seven-day make believe

trip to the moon and said he

would make it.

lation."

ness indeed. • A U.S. Senate committee investigating juvenile delinquency estimated that dealers in obscene material do an annual gross mail business of betyeen 300 and 350 million dollars.

10 Cents

· Postal officials say these promoters distribute as many as 00,000 of their circulars daily.

· One New York dealer, at the time of his conviction on abscenity charges, carried on a business worth \$270,000 annually.

• Postal meters showed the same dealer sent out \$3,000 worth of mail every month.

The mail order obscenity meket is centered in two cifles, New York and Loss Angeles. The bulk of the business is carried on by 12 or 15 individuals who have been in the trade for years. They operate rough various

The Pope's message was broadcast over the Vatican Radio to parochial schools all over the U.S. in connection with the 12th annual American Bishops' Relief Fund campaign to finance worldwide welfare pro-Collections for the fund will be taken up in all the American churches between Mar. 9

To Help Needy

want.

pent's, conducted by the Charity Sisters of Mt. St. Vincent, is one of the largest hospitals in the city. It stands as a bulwark of charity and mercy in a tragic section of the city.

Sister Ann Veronica averages six trips a night to care for men, women or children whose life, for some reason or other, has flickered low in the night hours.

A few weeks ago, a Look magazine photographer rode the ambulance with Sister Ann Veronica. The result was a picture story in the February 18 issue of the magazine.

Police called her to treat "an unconscious unidentified male" found on a flophouse stairway; an old Italian woman who had a heart attack in her little apartment; an hysterical woman found running wildly through the halls of her tenement; a girl, 22 years old, whose lover had slashed her face; a little girl who was found to have nothing more terrifying than measles.

"Sister Ann Veronica's emergency calls take her to dimly lighted tenements, stately old brownstones and 50-cent-a-night flophouses," writes Roland Berg, medical editor of Look.

"Her patients range from colleky babies to derelict drunks and beaten girls. To all, she brings the comforting presence of religion and the healing skill of the physician."

But Sister Ann Veronica didn't "just happen." She is the result of long years of careful training, both spiritual and professional.

When Veronica Mary Klus left Chicago in 1946 to enter Maryknoll at 19, she was like many another American Catholic girl, Thomas the Apostle High School in Chicago and was a member of the honor society there. She was vice-prefect of the parish sodality.

Her pastor, Father C. A. Murphy, knew her well. In fact, she was his secretary and part time housekeeper to earn a little extra money. Both her parents had died when she was young and the family of seven children was brought up by the oldest sister, now a Dominican Sister of the Sinsinawa, Wis., community.

Ambitions? Well, Verovica Klus thought she would like to be missions to serve the poor. a nun-or a doctor. In the/ end she decided to forego the medical profession so as to serve God Sister Ann Veronica has been a she has come twice to the su with her whole heart. She said missioner. In spite of preoccu-nothing about her love for med pation with the ills of the body. nothing about her love for med pation with the ills of the body, icine. She would take what God she knows that ills of the soul gave her. In September, 1946 are more tragic she donned the black dress of a





Sister Ann Veronica, M.D. never knows what is coming next — performing surgery in a dark alley or answering calls in tenements. The Maryknoll nun-doctor, who interned last year at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, is now resident physician at New York's St. Vincent Hospital where she is assigned to ambulance duty. Here she gives aid to a stricken man in a lower west side flop house. (NC-Look Magazine Photo).

Two and a half years later, she whose story occupies a double was a full-fledged Maryknoll Sis- spread in Look magazine, is a ter. An excellent stenographer, case in point. A bloody gash a young woman of high ideals. she spent a year and a half in which took six stitches to close She was graduated from St. office work at the motherhouse. had ripped her face from cheek Then, she started college work, to temple. As police held her in earned/a B.S. degree from Man- the wretched room where she hattanville College in 1952 and had been beaten, she fought like went/on to Marquette University a tigress screaming: for medical studies.

"He's ruined my face! Let me die. I don't want a doctor!" She An M.D. in 1956, Sister Ann ripped the buttons off a police Veronica began internship at man's coat in futile rage. St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, N. Y. It was then de-But when Sister Ann Veronica cided by her superiors that Sisapproached, the girl gasped in ter Ann Veronica should spesurprise, then threw her arms dalizé in surgery. aroung the young Sister's neck.

She came to St. Vincent's in "Oh, I'm so glad it's a Sister! New York as resident surgeon, Take me out of here," she sobbed. slated to spend several years 'In a follow-up visit to her home here before she goes to the

later. Sister Ann Veronica persuaded her to ask for moral help For all these years of training, at the local convent. To date, perior there.

Radios and Television. Easy The girl, heaten by her lover, alry, 318 Main St. East. Adv. Gives us encouragement. In

of February. Pastors are cur-

rently tabulating new subscrip-

Catholics Dispensed On February 22

Catholics of the Rochester Diocese are dispensed from Lenten fast and abstinence laws Saturday, February 22, Washington's birthday.

Bishop Kearney granted the dispensation and urged the faithful to perform some act of devotion, such as attending Holy Mass, or doing an act of charity especially in favor of the poor.

U.S. Girl Skier **Visits Pope Pius**

The best dramas in our daily

newspapers are the stories of

those who make successful

comebacks after suffering

tragedy. Those who pick them-

selves out of the ashes of fail-

ure and defeat are our most

There is inspiration for all

of us of lesser stamina in those

who defy the very human

temptation to discouragement

and despair in the face of ill

fortune

rally

popular heroes and heroines.

one week after he was named to Laconia, N. H. - (NC) the rank of domestic prelate by Penny Pitou, 19-year-old Laconia Pope Pius XII. girl who participated in the

world ski championship events papal honor last year on the at Bad Gastein, Austria, was one of a group who had an audience feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

with Pope Pius XII during a and died this week on the feast visit to Rome. of St. Bernadette, the peasant

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PARABLES

FOR TODAY

Sumerander By MONSIGNOR PATRICK J. FLYNN MERADAMENTER

I - The Man Who Came Back

tions submitted to them by the Requiem Today

Solemn Funeral Mass will be offered this morning at 10:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Church for the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis W. Luddy, pastor of the Brighton parish since 1937, and formerly rector of St. Andrew's Seminary.

His Excellency, Bishop Keargirl to whom the Blessed Virgir ney will celebrate the Mass and appeared at Lourdes in France 100 years ago. Monsignor Maynard A. Connell, a long time friend, will preach the eulogy.

IN TWO DECADES at Brigh ion's Our Lady of Lourdes Monsignor Luddy, well known Church, he conducted three suc-Rochester clergyman, died late fuciday afternoon, Feb. 18, 1958, cessful fund drives to build a rectory, school, and convent.

He opened the school in 1948, The sixty-seven year old prelate, forty years a Catholic and in 1953 enlarged its facilipriest, had a career of distin- ties to care for a mounting enguished service in the Rochester rollment.

Diocese. His priestly life includ-The rectory, erected in 1950 ed roles as seminary educator has served as a model for rec and parish administrator. tories built subsequently in many His death came one year and parishes throughout the Diocese

ifter a long illness.

Just completed this past year is the convent for the Sisters of St. Joseph who staff the parish Monsignor Luddy received the school.

felt fine. Monsignor Luddy also super-His mother, Mrs. James A. lised redecoration of the church Farrell of the Bronx, said Donedifice when the parish marked ald phoned her about two its twenty fifth anniversary in hours after he completed his

"trip." She said she received the phone call shortly after PRIOR TO HIS appointment in she and her husband returned 1937 as pastor of the Brighton from attending Mass at Holy arish, Monsignor Luddy served Cross Church in the Bronx. ighteen years as professor and (Continued on page 6)

he was spiritually well presigned to prevent their identipared for such a period of isofication.

Using different names, they Airman Farell is a member rent post office boxes as mailof Holy Cross parish in the ing addresses. Postal officials Bronx, He attended Holy say one promoter may employ Cross Grammar School and as many as 200 to 300 different also Cardinal Hayes High names in the course of his operations. One dealer operated from 50 post office boxes at the same

THE STOCK in trade of the lealers is fairly standard-phtographs, slides, films, books and novelties. A few gimmicks also have been introduced - includ-New York - (NC) - The ing a coded pornographic letter mother of the youthful airsent out by a California dealer man who successfully comand "personalized' letters printed pleted a simulated rocket trip in facsimile handwriting. to the moon said here she had

The pornography dealers operate in much the same way as any mail order firm. Their first task is to build up a mailing list. This they do by advertising their product in 'men's' magazines and similar publications. They also acquire names from brokers who compile and sell such lists.

The dealers' catch-all methods of seeking customers explain why much of their pornography is sent to children in their teens, or younger.

THE LETTERS of complaint postal officials receive from par-(Continued on Page 2)

Mother Seton's Story

The Courier-Journal, in this second article, continues the Mother Selon Story, as told by Edward Steimer, staff writer for We all admire the man or woman who makes a comethe Pittsburgh Catholic. Episcopalian-born Elizabeth Bayley back. We cheer the underdog who fights his way back Seton may be the first native-born American citizen raised to from the brink of defeat to win. It has been pointed but sainthood in the Catholic Church. Following ber role as wife, rather humorously that we are all thrilled when we see mother (of five children), and widow, this onetime belle of New York society embraced the Catholic Faith and founded "the corpse get up off the floor and bury the undertaker." the American Sisters of Charity.

> By EDWARD STEIMER handling much of the city's overseas shipping trade and becom-William Magee Seton was ing a prominent banker in a day 26 years old when he married which saw the rise of such finan-Elizabeth Bayley, six years ciers as John Vanderbilt and Alexander Hamilton.

Father Starts Firm eldest of five children born to William Seton and Rebecca ed the firm of Seton, Maltland, William Seton, the elder, lound-Curzon, a birth which took and Co. In the same year of his place at sea on the salling- son's marriage to Elizabeth Bay-

ship "Edward" which was ley. His son was associated with him in this mercantile house. bringing his parents home to Young William Magee had New York from a trip to been thoroughly trained by his

father. He was educated in England for six years, and had His family were descendants later been sent on a tour of the of the Lords Seton (Seaton) of great ports and business houses Scotland who were famed in of Europe: Barcelona, Madrid, Scottish legend and history. The elder William had come to Amer-

Genoa, Leghorn and Rome. At Cremona, Italy, he had aca businessman in New York, (Continued on Page 5)

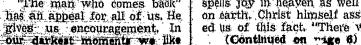


MOTHER SETON

In the Solemn Hours, Flowers are more comforting than words. In the beauty of flowers is conirmation of the faith which sustains all who have suffered loss. Blanchard Florist, 58 Lake Avenue. -Adv

Everybody sees a spark of hope for himself in those who over financial reverses, who overcome physical handiwho measure up to the alcoholism. trial of personal tragedy. "The man who comes back" has an appeal for all of us. He

love.



* * younger, in 1794. He was the England.

Peter's repentence of infidelity, and Matt Talbot's victory over

The return of a soul to God spells joy in heaven as well as on earth. Christ himself assured us of this fact. "There will lica as a young man and became

to feel that, if others can walk

back from defeat, so can we. THE BEST comeback stories are the stories of spiritual comeback, the stories of how men and women fight their way back from the darkness of sin to the bright light of God's This is why, in a world where the shame of failure gnaws at so many souls, men will always remember Augustine's conversion from sin,